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IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicant submits herewith two Replacement Sheets to replace Figures 9 and 10 previously submitted. The caption "Related Art" has been added to Figures 9 and 10, as shown in the attached Replacement Drawing Sheets.

Appendix: Replacement Drawing Sheets

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REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Claims 1-9 are pending. Claim 1 is independent. Claims 1, 3, 6, and 9 are hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Changes to the claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

The amendment to the caption of Figures 9 and 10 overcomes the objection to the drawings. Applicants also believe that this amendment overcomes the objection to the claims.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claim 1 has been presented to include the allowable subject matter of claim 3.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from claim 1 and are therefore patentable for at least the same reason.

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Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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